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**AMENDMENT A UNDER RULE 111**

TO:  
Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action (Paper No. 6) mailed on January 10, 2000, applicants request that the subject application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend pages 1, 2 and 3 as follows:

Page 1, line 10, change "Velcro strips" to --hook and loop strips sold under the trademark VELCRO--;

Page 2, line 5; line 33, both occurrences; line 37; line 39; page 3, lines 9, 10 14, 23, 25, 27 and 39, after "Velcro", insert --®--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-5 in the manner set forth below:

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